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1. Washington Post June 16 carried following story from ~~XXXXXXXXXXX~~ correspondent based in Washington: Israeli sources said that when fighting broke out in Middle East June 5, Israeli Govt queried US Naval Attache in Tel Aviv as to whether there were any American ships operating in Mediterranean off Sinai Peninsula. According story Israelis QTE got no response UNQTE.

2. As far we aware, first Israeli query along these lines made to American official was that reported in DAO 0825 June 8 which was after attack on USS Liberty.

3. Request urgent confirmation above and any other comments.

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